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second means made in a single piece from a light transmissive material for housing the display panel, wherein the second means is connected directly to the display panel and functions as a light pipe so as to conduct light received from the first means for generating light directly to the display panel.

17. (Fifth Amended) A method for conducting light in a computer system having a LCD and a LCD housing comprising:

generating light; and

conducting the generated light through the LCD housing directly to the LCD, wherein the LCD housing is made in a single piece from light transmissive material and functions as a light pipe for illuminating the LCD and as a housing which protects the LCD.

REMARKS:

Claims 1, 16 and 17 have been amended by this paper. Claim 10 was cancelled previously and Claims 2-9, 11-15 and 18-20 remain unchanged by this Amendment. Hence, by this paper, Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are presented for further examination.

The specific changes to the amended Claims are shown on a separate set of pages attached hereto and entitled VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, which follows the signature page of this Amendment. On this set of pages, the insertions are underlined while the ~~deletions are stricken through~~.

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for the time he spent in a telephonic interview with Applicant's attorney, Drew S. Hamilton, on March 28, 2002. The amendments proposed herein correspond to those discussed with the Examiner during that interview.

In the Advisory Action mailed March 6, 2002, the Examiner indicated that the request for reconsideration (Applicant's Amendment after Final, mailed January 28, 2002) had been considered but did not place the application in condition for allowance because "the Claims do not define over the art of record." The Examiner indicated that the arguments had been considered, but they were not persuasive.

During the above-referenced telephone interview, counsel for Applicant re-emphasized arguments presented in the Amendment after Final, mailed January 28, 2002. In particular, counsel for Applicant noted that Independent Claim 1 recited that the computer display